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SUBJECT: VISIT OF THOMAS HOVING; ARTS EXCHANGES

1. THOMAS HOVING, DIRECTOR METROPOLITAN MUSEUM HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT HE HAS REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH AMBASSADOR ROLF SIEBER TO BRING TO U.S. A SERIES OF EXHIBITIONS OF ART FROM THE GDR. FIRST SUCH EXHIBIT WOULD BEGIN ABOUT SEPTEMBER, 1978 AND INCLUDE 50 WORKS FROM DRESDEN MUSEUM. HOVING HAS PROPOSED THAT THEY BE EXHIBITED AT METROPOLITAN, ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM AND DEYOUNG MUSEUM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

2. HOVING AND HIS DEPUTY, PHILLIPE DE MONTEBELLO, PLAN TO ARRIVE BERLIN ABOUT NOVEMBER 25 TO DISCUSS WITH MINISTRY OF CULTURE OFFICIALS. WILL CONTACT EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL. KISSINGER

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